RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*): May I know why this communal representation has been discontinued?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In accordance with the principles laid down in the recent G. O. on recruitment to public service.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know the proportion of Munsiffs recruited from the bar in relation to those who are promoted from the department?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think it is 2 to 1 or 3 to 1. I am not quite sure.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know whether Government have recently altered the maximum age qualification for Munsiffs?

PRESIDENT: We are not deciding the qualifications of Munsiffs. We are only dealing with their recruitment.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government have finally decided not to revive the communal rotation in the matter of appointments of Munsiffs?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is yes, Sir.

Pepper Cultivation.

127. ***MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the area of the pepper-vine estate at Konni;

(*b*) the total amount spent so far (till 24-11-1111) by them on this estate to make it productive and yielding;

(*c*) the total yield of pepper during 1109 and 1110; and

(*d*) the amount realised by sale of pepper during 1109 and 1110?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The total area of the Pepper Farm, Konni, is 140 acres, of which pepper occupies 100 acres only.

(*b*) Rs. 1,09,971—21—6.

(*c*) 1109 ... 19,145 lbs. of green pepper.
1110 ... 17,486 lbs. of Do.

(*d*) 1109 ... Rs. 1,433—4—13.
1110 ... Rs. 991—14—13.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know from the member what approximately is the expenditure incurred by Government on account of this estate?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know from the member whether this estate is working at a loss or at a gain?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The farm is not intended for profit. It is only a demonstration farm for making experiments.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the member whether there is any idea on the part of Government that no gain should accrue because it is an experimental farm?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): There is no such idea.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know, Sir, then whether there is as a matter of fact gain or loss in the working of this demonstration pepper farm?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The return from the farm is not sufficient to cover the expenditure.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What was the expenditure in 1109 and 1110 on the farm?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know the special reason for the statement that the yield in 1110 is less than the yield in 1109?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): On account of the variation in the season.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry I*): May I know what the Government are demonstrating in the farm?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is intended to find out the best variety of pepper, how it should be manured and all such matters.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry I*): I want to know whether the object is to discourage or encourage the growing of pepper.

PRESIDENT: The object is to show the working of different species of pepper. Experimental, that is what it is.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Is it the object of Government that those who stand to gain by this demonstration should also disregard the question of profit and loss?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I did not catch the question.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know, if it is the object of this demonstration farm to show people that they can cultivate different species or varieties of pepper profitably, whether the Government have that also in view?

MR. T. C THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. That is what is intended by this experimental farm.

MR E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamttta*): In that case, do the Government show that the cultivation of pepper on the lines of this demonstration is a profitable business?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : They are experimenting to find out which is the best variety of pepper suited to a particular kind of soil, how it could be manured, etc.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Have the Government any ultimate object in all this experimentation and cultivation of varieties of pepper ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Of course the result of the experiments will be observed and the best vine will be cultivated by people who are interested in cultivating pepper.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : What for, may I ask? Is it simply for the academic pleasure of cultivation or for any profit ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The object is to find out the best variety suited to a particular soil. The results of the experiments will be published and will be available to those who are interested in pepper cultivation.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Have the Government arrived at any result so far ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) . I believe so.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know the nature of the result ? Is it a profitable business or a losing concern ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : It is not a question of profit ; it is a question of finding out the best variety suited to each soil.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know whether it is the intention of the Government that profit and loss should be entirely kept out of consideration and that only the aesthetic pleasure of cultivating the different varieties of pepper should be the consideration ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The best variety suited to each soil will be taken up only if it is profitable.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Have the Government come to the conclusion that it is profitable or not ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The experiments are only going on. No final solution has been reached yet.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : How many years is it since these experiments began ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : More than ten years.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Is it the position of Government that nobody in the State has been benefited by these experiments conducted for more than ten years ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Several people are being benefited.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know the nature of the benefit derived by those people ?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): As far as I know, several varieties are being taken from the farm itself to several places in the State.

The Bharananganam Sub-Registry Office.

128. *MR. T. C. JOSEPH (*Minachil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the average number per year of memos of documents returned to the Bharananganam Sub-Registry Office, belonging to this Sub-District but registered outside it in the years 1088 to 1107;

(*b*) the number of documents belonging to this District but registered outside since the beginning of 1108;

(*c*) what replies have been so far given to the representations and deputations on this subject; and

(*d*) the entries relating to this subject made in the diary on the occasion of the visits of inspection by the District Registrar and the Director of Registration?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) (*a*) 233.

(*b*) 1108—455.
1109—404.
1110—426.
1111—(till the close of Mithunam)—296.

(*c*) That Government do not consider it necessary to grant the prayer.

(*d*) There are no entries on the subject.

Output of the Rubber Factory.

129. *MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the kind, value and quantities of rubber goods manufactured in the local Rubber Factory till 24-11-1111; and

(*b*) the value of goods manufactured as per the orders of outside agencies?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A * statement showing the major items of production in the Factory together with the quantity and value of each item is laid on the table.

(*b*) Rs. 3,494.

The Rubber Factory.

130. *MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the value of articles manufactured in the Rubber Factory at Trivandrum;

(*b*) the agency for selling the articles;

(*c*) the value of articles already (till 26-11-1111) sold from the Factory; and

(*d*) the net profit from the sale?

Vide Appendix V.

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